

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of claims 3, 4, 6 and 8 are objected to, but would be allowable if presented in independent form. In addition, the Examiner has indicated that claims 9-18 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In this regard, Applicants' attorney confirms the election made during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on April 11, 2003.

With regard to the remaining claims under consideration, by this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6. Claim 6 has been cancelled. In addition, claims 3, 4 and 8 have been amended into independent form, incorporating the recitations of originally presented claim 1. Thus all independent claims are now in a condition for allowance.

New claims 22-27 have been added as dependent claims upon the above allowable independent claims. Thus these dependent claims are also now in a condition for allowance.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has indicated that Figures 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art". A proposed drawing correction adding the requested legend is included herewith for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the specification because, at page 3, the Greek symbol for "Delta" was presented using a different character. The appropriate correction to the applicable paragraphs have been made as set forth above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this Amendment prior to issuing the Notice of Allowance, he is respectfully encouraged to call the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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